

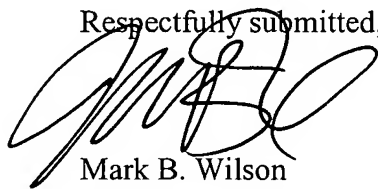
Remarks:

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data, to add headings to specific sections in the specification, and to add an Abstract. Attached as Appendix A is the Abstract on a clean sheet of paper. Applicants note that these amendments were made to put the present specification into an even better format for U.S. prosecution. No new matter has been added by these amendments to the specification.

In the claims, claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 26-53 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims as originally filed. Claims 26-53, therefore, are currently pending. Applicants have calculated the fees associated with filing this application accordingly.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:061USC1.

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ABSTRACT

The invention is a composition comprising: 40 to 95 parts by weight of one or several monomers (I) of formula (a) wherein: R_1 and R_2 represent H or CH; A represents a divalent radical of formula (b) or (c) wherein m_1 and m_2 represent each an integer ranging between 2 and 6; and 5 to 50 parts by weight of a monomer (II) comprising at least a urethane unit and at least two (meth)acrylate functions. The invention is useful for making optical and ophthalmic articles.